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75**TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS**Box Patent Application  
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Transmitted herewith for filing under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is a new utility patent application for an invention entitled:

**SEASONING SYSTEM AND METHOD**

and invented by:

**David L. Burke, Jonny Fitzgerald, Thomas G. Knodell, Kenneth C. Petri, P. Blake Svejkovsky, and Paul A. Svejkovsky**If a **CONTINUATION APPLICATION**, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information: Continuation  Divisional  Continuation-In-part (CIP) of prior application No.: 09/757,177

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1.  Filing fee as calculated and transmitted as described below
2.  Specification having 54 pages and including the following:
  - a.  Descriptive Title of the Invention
  - b.  Cross References to Related Applications (*if applicable*)
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  - d.  Reference to Sequence Listing, a Table, or a Computer Program Listing Appendix
  - e.  Background of the Invention
  - f.  Brief Summary of the Invention
  - g.  Brief Description of the Drawings (*if filed*)
  - h.  Detailed Description
  - i.  Claim(s) as Classified Below
  - j.  Abstract of the Disclosure

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3.  Drawing(s) (when necessary as prescribed by 35 USC 113)  
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4.  Oath or Declaration  
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b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (for continuation/divisional application only)  
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d.  **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**  
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application,  
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6.  CD ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

7.  Application Data Sheet (See 37 CFR 1.76)

8.  Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all must be included)  
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**Accompanying Application Parts**

9.  Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10.  37 CFR 3.73(B) Statement (when there is an assignee)

11.  English Translation Document (if applicable)

12.  Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449  Copies of IDS Citations

13.  Preliminary Amendment

14.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)

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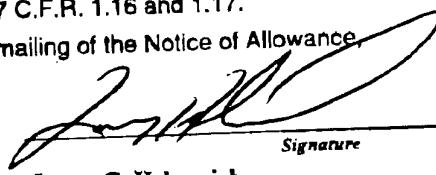
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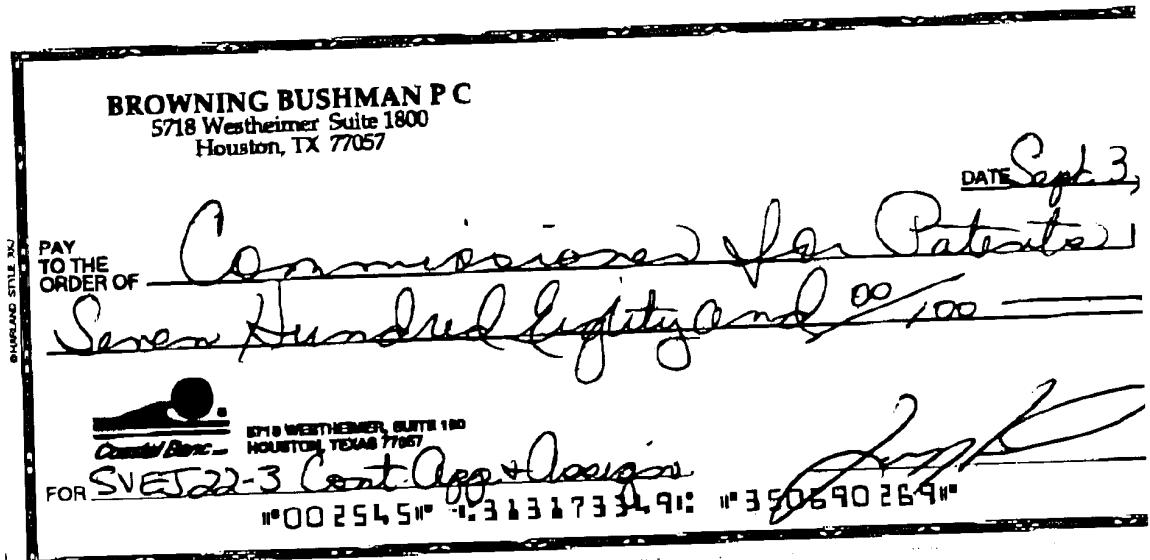


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